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Dear Sir:

Brian Jones, Martin Sawicki, Rob Little, Daniel Snyder and Ambrose Treacy, declare that:

This declaration is to establish that the publication Overview of WordprocessingML (hereinafter, "ML Overview") published in November 2003, is the Applicants' own work.

2.

We are Applicants named in the US Patent Application No. 10/780,237 filed February 17, 2004, entitled "Anti-Virus Security Information in an Extensible Markup Language Document."

3.

We were employees of Microsoft Corporation, assignee for the above-identified patent application, since before November 2003, the publication date of the ML Overview.

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Working under Applicants' direction, the ML Overview publication, cited in the Office Action was authored by another. The ML Overview is a description of the Applicants' own work.

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